

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Specification stands objected because of two informalities.

Please amend the Specification as follows:

1. On page 8, line 13, insert --shown in Figures 4a and 4c-- after "84".
2. On page 9, line 1, insert --shown in Figure 3-- after "80".

With respect to FIGS. 1 and 2, brace 20 is adapted to be located about leg 22 such that joint 24 is next to the compartment of knee 26 that is damaged and needs to be opened. Upper shell 32 is located against leg 22 above knee 26 and lower shell 34 is located against leg 22 below knee 26. Upper shell 32 is secured to media/lateral joint 82 through the use of rivets 194 and lower shell 34 is likewise secured to media/lateral joint 84 shown in Figures 4a and 4c. Upper shell 32 is made up of upper brace arm 28 extending up leg 22, wrap 36 that extends around the front of leg 22, and extension 38 that extends down leg 22 toward knee 26 opposite from joint 24. Lower shell 34 is composed of lower brace arm 30 extending down leg 22 and fingers 40 and 42 that extend partially around the front of leg 22. Pads 44 are preferably located on the inside of shells 32 and 34 to provide a more comfortable fit against leg 22. Pads 44 are preferably secured to shells 32 and 34 through the use of a hook and loop fastening system, e.g. Velcro. The hook portion of the fastening system secured to the inside of shells 32 and 34 grip the pile surface of pads 44 that make up the loop portion of the fastening system. Upper shell 32 also has openings 43 through which pads 44 are visible. Openings 43 allow moisture to escape from under shell 32 without weakening the structure of shell 32. Kneepad 80 shown in Figure 3, located on the inside of joint 24, cushions knee 26 and is secured to joint 24 by hook strip 52 on the interior of joint 24.

The Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the application.